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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	AOYAGI et al.	Examiner:	WORTMAN, D.
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 23, 2003 to March 23, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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